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Weekend Seizures valued at \$3.9 Million
Fiscal Year Narcotic Totals valued at over \$240M

McALLEN, Texas –Bureau of Customs and Border Protection agents assigned to the McAllen Border Patrol Sector made 21 seizures totaling 4,955 pounds of marijuana valued at \$3,964,000.

The McAllen Sector, which includes nine Border Patrol stations, responsible for patrolling 284 miles of river and operating interior highway traffic checkpoints on major highways concluded their weekend seizures at a all time high.

The weekend totals began when agents, with the help of canine units, seized luggage with narcotics carried on buses and narcotics located in hidden compartments inside vehicles and trailers.

- On April 4, 2003, six seizures totaling 2,746 pounds of marijuana and one seizure of 7.8 pounds of cocaine were made by agents from the Falfurrias, Kingsville, McAllen, and Fort Brown Border Patrol stations.
- April 5, 2003, six seizures totaling 614 pounds of marijuana were made by agents of the Falfurrias and Kingsville Border Patrol stations.
- April 6, 2003, nine seizures totaling 1,595 pounds of marijuana were made by agents of the Falfurrias, Kingsville, and Rio Grande City Border Patrol stations.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, McAllen Sector agents have seized 162,731 pounds of marijuana, 721 ounces of heroin and 3,350 pounds of cocaine. The total combined value of the narcotics is \$239,641,637. Agents have also seized \$759,586 worth of other narcotics such as methamphetamines and ecstasy.

The current value of narcotics seized for FY 2003 shows an 18% decrease as compared to the same period last year. The number of cases for for FY 2003 shows a 22% decrease as compared to FY 2002.

When compared to FY 2002, apprehensions of undocumented migrants show a 6% decrease for this fiscal year.

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